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SUBJECT: DEPUTY PREMIER JAGIELSKI REPORTEDLY ILL

1. A NORMALLY WELL-INFORMED AND RELIABLE POLISH JOURNALIST TOLD US EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT MIECZYSLAW JAGIELSKI, WHO IS DEPUTY PREMIER, PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, AND A MEMBER OF THE POLITBIURO, SUFFERED A SERIOUS HEART ATTACK, WAS GIVEN LESS THAN A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF FULL RECOVERY, AND AT A MINIMUM WOULD BE SIDELINED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. PLANNING COMMISSION DEPUTY CHAIRMAN PAJESTKA TOLD US ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT JAGIELSKI WAS ILL.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY HARD EVIDENCE ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF JAGIELSKI'S CONDITION, RUMORS ARE RIFE IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY THAT JAGIELSKI DID INDEED SUFFER A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK AND IS GIVEN A VERY SLIGHT CHANCE OF COMPLETE RECOVER. JAGIELSKI HAS NOT APPEARED IN PUBLIC OR OTHERWISE BEEN HEARD OF SINCE MAY 4, WHEN HE WIELDED A SHOVEL IN LAZIENKI PARK AS HIS CONTRIBUTION TO A "PARTY SOCIAL-ACTION DAY." MAY 4 WAS UNUSUALLY HOT AND THE RUMORS HAVE IT THAT JAGIELSKI COLLAPSED THAT NIGHT AS A RESULT OF HIS PHYSICAL EXERTION.

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3. COMMENT: JAGIELSKI'S REMOVAL FROM THE POLISH SCENE WOULD LEAVE THREE KEY POSITIONS TO BE FILLED: POLITBIURO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING; THE RANKING VICE PREMIERSHIP (JAGIELSKI FREQUENTLY HAS BEEN RUMORED TO BE THE LEADING CANDIDATE TO REPLACE JAROSZEWICZ ULTIMATELY AS PREMIER); AND PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN. A KEY MEMBER OF THE GIEREK TEAM, JAGIELSKI CLEARLY RANKS AMONG THE TOP FOUR OR FIVE IN THE PARTY-GOVERNMENTAL HIERARCHY. AT 51, HE IS ALSO ONE OF THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF THE POLITBIURO. HIS LOSS WOULD REMOVE FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE HERE ONE OF THE MOST EXPERIENCED PARTY ECONOMIC PLANNERS AND MANAGERS.

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